

Restaurants and Boarding Houses

We have a full stock of Hotel Ware, and it will pay you to call and see us if you are in need of anything in Crockery and Tinware.

ROSS, HIGGINS & CO.

Goods Bought on Credit Today Go on July Account.

Local Brevities.

A daughter was born yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Parker.

Brown's band of Portland has been engaged by the committee for regatta week.

Seats on sale at J. N. Griffin's at 9 a. m. today for the operetta "Snow White or the Seven Dwarfs."

Gus Schoenbaechler, the cigar manufacturer, will soon occupy one of the storerooms in the new building on Commercial near Ninth street.

Nancy Dickerson Welch Cabin, Native Daughters of Oregon, most cordially invite all pioneers of Clatsop county to be present at a reunion in Hanthorn's hall Wednesday evening, June 29.

Everyone participating in the operetta "Snow White" must be on hand in costume for dress rehearsal today (Wednesday) at 1 o'clock sharp.

Beginning with next Saturday afternoon, the regular summer schedule of the A. & C. will be effective. There will be no night train from Portland, but the Saturday afternoon special will leave that city at 2:30, arriving here at 6. This arrangement will continue during the seaside season.

Carpenters are now building an annex to the office of County Clerk Clinton, which will make the vault available from this office. When the main building was moved east to Eighth street the vault was left standing 10 or 12 feet away, and the annex is being constructed so that the clerk may have access to the vault.

Some days ago the Tallant-Grant Packing Company made an effort to try seining operations on the sands opposite the city, but the attempt was given up. A large seining scow was anchored there, and yesterday afternoon the scow broke from its moorings and started down stream. It was secured and towed to a dock.

Hammond will celebrate the Fourth this year. There will be land sports of every description with appropriate prizes, also various water sports. A baseball game between the Cathlamet Suns and Hammond Stars. A goddess of liberty is now being voted upon, and the result will be announced in these columns later. Fireworks and a grand ball will wind up the day.

Chairman O'Connell of the Fourth of July committee has announced the following committees: Sports—J. H. West, Robert A. McLean, Dan B. Allen and George W. Ralston. Illumination and fireworks—William F. Binder, Thomas W. Ross, Max Pohl, William McCroskey, Randall Reed and C. E. Johnson. Awards—Dr. J. A. Fulton, W. R. Hume and A. S. Tee. L. H. Sprauer has been appointed bandmaster.

The stores along Commercial street are being tastily decorated for the Fourth, and some remarkably attractive designs are to be seen. The big windows in Herman Wise's store attract much attention, and the same may be said of Peterson & Brown's, Morse's and J. N. Griffin's are also prettily attired. Wherity, Ralston & Co. are trying an innovation in the matter of window decoration that is decidedly odd. The windows at this company's store are still hidden from public view. The merchants all expect big crowds in the city for the Fourth.

The street committee of the council yesterday filed with Auditor Anderson a certificate of acceptance of the improvement of Exchange street from Fourteenth to Seventeenth. The improvement was made by Contractor Palmberg at a cost of \$6061. There was a remonstrance from property owners because of the manner in which crushed rock was placed on this thoroughfare, but the contractor caused the heavy rock to be removed and substituted finer rock. The street is now in excellent condition.

A consignment of trout was brought to the city yesterday by A. Oldenberg, an attache of the government fisheries department, and during the afternoon the fish were placed in adjoining streams. There were 9000 rainbow and 10,629 black spot trout in the consignment, which were placed in the Lewis and Clark and Brown creek. One thousand steelheads were also received and placed in the reservoir. The trout came from the Clackamas and were secured through the efforts of Senator Fulton.

In the circuit court yesterday a decree of divorce was handed down in the case of Mareno Sverderup vs. Helen Sverderup. The parties were married here in 1897, and desertion was the basis of the action. Custody of the 6-year-old child was awarded to the plaintiff. The plaintiff was allowed to amend her prayer in the divorce case of Maude Giardina vs. Vincent Giardina, and the case was set for hearing July 7. In the case of James Flynn vs. the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company, next Tuesday morning was set as the time for hearing objections to the plaintiff's last bill. Orders in several minor civil suits were handed down during the day.

Sheriff Linville left last night for Salem with Charles Jackson and Fred Llewellyn, who received penitentiary sentences of one and three years for using knives to win fights. Jackson was as happy as a clam yesterday and made merry just as if he were going on an excursion. He was very anxious to get a red tie to wear on the trip to Salem, and Jailer Anderson dug up a tie for the convict. Llewellyn forced out an occasional laugh, but the colored man was much the merrier. The departure of the two men clears the county jail of prisoners, and the only inmates now are Jailer Anderson and the ghost that woke up Charlie Jackson. The ghost walked but once and did not make known his presence after Llewellyn was locked up. Jackson's joy yesterday was attributed to the fact that he was happy to leave the haunted jail.

Judge McBride cracked a pretty good joke during the trial of the suit of John Turple vs. D. H. Welch et al. The suit is brought to settle a dispute affecting the payment of \$1000 on a mortgage, Mr. Welch claiming to have paid the money and Mr. Turple setting up a contrary contention. The sound of the carpenter's hammer was plainly audible in the old court room and so much noise was made that it was difficult for one to hear the evidence. Mr. Welch finished his testimony and the court asked the attorneys if they intended continuing with the case. "Not only is justice blind, but she is likewise deaf," remarked Judge McBride. "It seems to me we ought to let this case go over until there is less noise." However, the additional evidence could be heard in a few minutes, so the attorneys proceeded to struggle through with it.

A dispatch from Washington says of the effort on the part of the people of Portland to have the land office removed there from Oregon City: Senator Mitchell and Senator Fulton have both filed protests with the interior department against removal of the local land office from Oregon City to Portland. Senator Fulton opposes the change outright, and Senator Mitchell speaks for interested parties. A thorough hearing will be arranged before the matter is decided. As Secretary Hitchcock has not received a reply from the treasury department to his inquiry as to the available space in the customs house in Portland, the matter has not been disposed of, and may hang fire for some time. If room can be found for the office in Portland the officials are very much inclined to order the removal from Oregon City. The whole matter seems to hinge on the question of available space.

Coroner Pohl was informed yesterday morning of the finding of the body of a man in the channel opposite the Booth cannery. The corpse was discovered by one of Booth's fishermen, Anton Medsch, who immediately reported the matter to the coroner.

The corpse had been in the water for about three weeks, Mr. Pohl believes, but was in a bad state of decomposition. It was buried during the afternoon in Greenwood cemetery at the expense of the county. There was nothing on the body which might lead to identification, but Mr. Pohl believes the corpse to be that of K. E. K. Seymour, mate of the schooner W. H. Walker, who was drowned from the vessel June 8. No other man had recently been drowned whose body was not recovered. The coroner made a careful examination of the body, but was unable to find upon it any marks that might give rise to suspicion of foul play.

BUSINESS DULL IN THE EAST.

Poor Crops and Presidential Year Responsible for Condition.

Edgar W. Stahl, who has charge of the linotype room of The Morning Astorian, returned to Astoria yesterday after an absence of seven weeks in the east. Mr. Stahl traveled through the middle west, and states that business conditions are not at all satisfactory there. People who have money seem to be very timid and the effect is plainly noted throughout Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Iowa and other states in that section.

"Primarily the business decline is due to poor crop prospects," said Mr. Stahl yesterday. "All of the cereals are backward, because of the lack of rain, and the indications are that the crops will be shorter this year than for many years past. Not only does this condition prevail in the eastern states, but even on the coast the outlook is poor. I have been in the Willamette valley for a few days, and the same complaint is made there.

"Business is always dull just before a presidential election, and the approaching election is having its effect throughout the entire country. People who have money are holding it, after the fashion of the times, and there is a decided scarcity of money east of the Rockies. Business is better on the coast than in the east, and we hear less in the west of actual conditions than one learns when visiting there. It seems to be pretty generally felt that the present summer will be very dull."

PRIZES FOR OREGON WRITERS.

Commercial Club Offers \$450 for the Best Articles on State.

A circular letter has been issued by the Portland Commercial Club, which offers a total of \$450 and four gold medals to the winners in a story-writing contest to close October 1, 1904. Copies of the letter are being mailed broadcast over the state, the conditions of which provide that the person writing the best article on Oregon published in a regular edition of any newspaper or other publication outside of the state, the competitor to be a resident of the state, but not of Portland, is to receive a prize of either \$50 in cash or a gold medal as he desires. The second prize will be either the \$50 in cash or medal depending upon the selection of the first winner. The third prize will be \$25, the fourth \$15 and the fifth \$10.

To residents of Portland a gold medal and \$100 will be distributed on exactly the same conditions as the \$100 and medal to be distributed to residents outside of Portland.

There is but one condition imposed upon the contestants, and that is that no article will be considered which contains the word "webfoot."

Governor Chamberlain will be asked to appoint a committee to decide the winners of the state contest, while Mayor Williams will name a committee to choose the best story written by a Portland writer.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Harrison L. Hamblet is down from Portland.

M. F. Hardesty returned yesterday from Portland.

Mrs. S. M. Gallagher has returned from an outing at Seaside.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Meserve were over yesterday from Grays River.

G. Y. Harry, prominent in Portland labor circles, was in the city yesterday.

W. W. Curtiss, the well-known timberman, was down from Portland yesterday.

Rev. J. J. Walter, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Portland, passed through the city yesterday en route to Seaside.

Homer L. Fletcher returned yesterday on the steamship Columbia from San Jose, where he had been visiting for more than a year. While at San Jose Mr. Fletcher played ball with the Garden city's team and was one of a bunch of ball players that was never defeated in a series.

\$10.98 \$10.98

A SPECIAL OFFER

In Our Suit Department this Week

Allowing any woman the privilege of selecting a walking or dress suit from the lot at

\$10.98

VALUED FROM \$15.00 to \$30.00

These garments are all this season's make and can be found in sufficient variety to please all.

THE A. DUNBAR CO.

Astoria's Leading Suit and Cloak House.

\$10.98 \$10.98

FOARD & STOKES CO.

UNIVERSAL

RANGES

Stand for Economy of Fuel, Good Cooking and Durability.

\$35 00	\$42 50	\$50 00
\$37 50	\$45 00	\$52 00
\$40 00	\$47 50	\$55 00



This cut represents only one of the many styles in stock.

FOARD & STOKES CO.

Where Your Money Buys Most.

SHOES!!!

SHOES



SHOES

We have the nicest line of shoes for summer wear we ever handled. Fit right, Priced right and wear right. All leathers; all sizes. Let us show you.

Wherity, Ralston & Company

THE LEADING SHOE DEALERS.

There Are Engines

That Run well part of the time Run poorly all of the time Won't work any time

5hp STANDARD GAS ENGINE

RUNS WELL ALL THE TIME

C. H. Carlson, Agents G. M. McBride

For Style and Comfort

There is Nothing So Good As a Well Built

Couch

We carry the finest assortment and varied styles in wardrobe, box and bed couches. Come and let us show you what these couches really are.

CHAS. HEILBORN & SON

Astoria's Leading House-furnishers

Staple and Fancy Groceries

FLOUR, FEED, PROVISIONS, TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

Supplies of All Kinds at Lowest Prices for Fishermen, Farmers and Loggers.

Branch Uniontown, - - Phones, 711, - - Uniontown, 713

A. V. ALLEN,

Tenth and Commercial Streets. ASTORIA, OREGON.